

MMP Executive Committee Meeting (telephone conference call)
December 6, 2012

Members present: Jason Clark, Norma Glock, Janice Kalvig, Steve Jackson, Sue Jackson, Donna McCrea, Kathy Robins; Katie Beall, MMP Technical Support staff also attended

The minutes from the November 1, 2012 meeting were approved.

Technical Reports

Katie has been working on issues with large compound objects, OCR, and metadata strikeouts. She reported that all MMP collections have been de-carouseled.

CONTENTdm will be updated on December 10th to version 6.2. A notice will be sent to the MMP membership.

Outreach Reports

Lauren McMullen, MSL consultant who works on MMP newspaper projects, has been working with the Big Timber, Fallon County, and Polson libraries. The Flathead Courier for 1910 has been added to the MMP; this was an LSTA grant project.

Efforts are being made to restart MMP projects in Bridger and UM-W that have not been completed.

Katie has been working on the MMP section of MSL's soon-to-be-launched Learning Portal which will feature learning resources and training opportunities for all MSL programs. When the portal launches in January, the url will be sent to the Committee to preview.

MSL staff participated in the Montana Preservation Alliance's two-day Touchstone Project held in Columbus on November 27-28. Jo Flick presented an introduction to MMP and a scanning demonstration for the 35+ attendees, including representatives from area cultural organizations and local residents interested in preserving family and Stillwater County history. Norma heard positive reports about the event and is going to encourage and promote a Columbus MMP project.

Election Results

The election for Public Representative and Museums/Archives Representative was held in an open online meeting on December 5th. Ten directors of MMP contributing organizations cast votes and the results were a two-way tie for both openings. The MMP bylaws do not address this situation. Sue will check with MSL's meeting/procedural specialist to determine the next step. A run-off election may be done.

Contributor Survey Revision

Kathy collected input from Executive Committee members and local librarians who tested the survey, and made changes these groups suggested. Donna asked that the word "collection" be defined in the survey so organizations with more than one MMP collection could consider their collections as a whole when responding. Once that is done, the survey (which was transferred to MHS) will be launched on December 10th to the MMP membership. It will be open for two weeks.

Project Updates

Janice provided an update on the addition of Flathead County city directories to the MMP. The project faced a number of frustrating technical issues that Janice and Katie worked together to resolve. Nine of the ten directories have been uploaded to MMP. Though some of the problems were OCR-related, the search capability adds value to the project and is important for users. Janice praised Katie's assistance and Katie acknowledged Janice's patience getting the directories uploaded.

Katie reported that the Butte Mining Images project has been completed by the World Museum of Mining.

Sue mentioned some image quality issues with the MSU-Billings yearbook project. Integra, the vendor, is currently working to improve the images.

Grant Update

One application for the current round of MMP LSTA grants has been received from the Darby Community Public Library. Announcements about the grants have been done on library and museum listservs and in the MLA and MAM newsletters. Jason will promote the grants on the MSU campus, Norma will get the information out to organizations in Columbus, and Kathy will contact members of the Billings genealogical forum.

January Meeting Date

The next meeting will be a telephone conference call on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at 9:00.